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IS POSTPONED UNTIL TUESDAY

Launching of "City of Alma"
Will Not Be Held Until
Next Week.

CITY TO BE REPRESENTED

Mayor Charles R. Murphy Left Yesterday for East as Official Representative.

The "City of Alma," which promises to be a monument as long as it floats to the patriotic spirit that actuated the citizens of this community during the World war will be christened Tuesday at Bristol, Pa., by Miss Esther Rhodes of this city, who left here Monday morning with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Rhodes for that city. Telegraphic word was received her last night by Homer Dunham to the effect that the launching had been postponed from tomorrow until Tuesday.

The honor that has come to Alma is no small one. It is very seldom that the name of such a small city is chosen for one of Uncle Sam's ships, and this vessel promises to be the "pride of Alma" in the years to come, as the pages of local and state history are turned back, and the spotlight is turned upon the days of the great struggle that cost the world so many millions of its finest men, and billions of dollars of its wealth.



ESTHER RHODES

These pages of history must and will show that Alma earned a place in the front rank in "backing up the boys." Alma led the entire state on the Fourth Liberty Loan with 80.8 per cent of its population buying government bonds. It subscribed nearly three hundred per cent of its quota, a record that will compare very favorably with the finest records made by any city in the country on that loan, excess of quota and distribution of bonds considered.

Alma is reaping as she has sown, a harvest of patriotic honor, that will always be a source of pride to her citizens.

To Miss Rhodes, daughter of the former secretary-treasurer of the Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., which did much in enabling Alma to achieve its record, has gone the honor of christening the vessel, she having been selected in recognition of the work of this Alma institution with which her father was connected. But one must not be forgotten, because had it not been for the grim determination with which J. W. Robinson, chairman of this loan campaign, waged the fight, this record would not have been made, and Alma would not have been singled out for this high honor.

Among those who are to attend the christening of the "City of Alma" Friday in Bristol, Pa., are Mayor and Mrs. Charles R. Murphy, Lieutenant T. A. Robinson, chairman of the Victory Loan committee, and son of J. W. Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Rhodes.

It is expected that a film will be secured of the launching, which will probably be shown here at some future date.

SCHOOL OFFICERS MEETING

The school officers' meeting for Gratiot county will be held in the court house in Ithaca on Wednesday, January 14, beginning at 9:30 a. m., and Howard A. Potter, county school commissioner calls attention to the fact that it is the duty of all members of school boards to attend the meeting, as only in this way can the greatest amount of good come from them.

DOUBLE WEDDING

Captain McClaine of the Salvation Army has announced that there will be a double public wedding Saturday evening, January 17 at 8:30 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

This will be the first double public wedding in this city in years, and because of this and the fact that the names of the contracting parties are not being made public, the affair is attracting considerable attention.

Charles Ray in "Crooked Straight"—Idlehour, Sunday.—adv.

WONDERFUL MACHINE

Measuring and Computing Device Installed in Local Store.

Always on the lookout for devices which will be of benefit in giving better service to their many patrons, the D. W. Robinson store has installed a measuring and computing machine in two departments of the store, called the measuregraph.

A representative of The Record was invited to witness a demonstration of this wonderful machine yesterday and beyond any doubt, it will do all that is claimed for it. The machine is a little black enameled stand with two spaces on top. One of these spaces is an exact reproduction of a clock face, with hands corresponding to the minute and hour hand. The other space resembles a multiplication table. Beneath these spaces is a slot with jaws.

A patron comes in and wants to purchase 5 1/2 yards of silk at \$1.69 per yard. The saleslady passes the goods through the jaws of the machine and the clock-like arrangement will show the amount of goods measured, the hour hand showing the yards and the minute hand the fractions.

After the proper amount has been measured, the clerk glances at the computing table and there in plain figures is the cost of the goods. These machines can measure any number of yards, or fractions thereof, with unerring precision and will tell the cost in an instant and with absolute accuracy. This means that you can be waited on more quickly than heretofore—a vital consideration in these busy times.

Two of these measuregraphs have been installed in the D. W. Robinson store and they are fairly expensive devices, but expense is not a consideration in this enterprising concern if it points the way to better service.

ECONOMY SHOE

STORE TO ENLARGE

Will Use Entire First Floor of the Ingersoll Block and Separate Departments.

It was stated this week that the Economy Shoe Store of this city, which has been cramped for months past, because of its rapidly growing business is to expand within the next few weeks, and that it will soon use the entire first floor of the Ingersoll block in which the store is now located.

The present store is to be used exclusively for a women's and children's shoe department, the men's footwear being taken out of this part, thus allowing a far greater line of ladies' and children's shoes to be carried. The present J. E. Converse jewelry store is to be used for the men's department, and the two stores will be connected by a large archway. The rear room of the store will be made into an up-to-date repair shop, in which will be located the latest available shoe machinery, which is to be in charge of an expert repair man. It is expected that the repair shop will be in operation by February 1.

The new men's department, which is to be finished in mahogany, will not be ready until about April 1. Many new ideas, which have been working their way into the large city shoe stores in the past year or two, will be used in the new department, which is being designed as a place of comfort for the men.

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NARROW ESCAPE

Farmers Living Near Alma Nearly Lost Lives in Accident.

Two farmers, J. W. Sprague and C. P. Best, who live near this city, had a highly thrilling experience last Friday afternoon, when an automobile in which they were driving south on Woodward avenue, was struck by a switch engine on the Ann Arbor railroad, dragged about twenty-five feet to the race, and then dumped into the icy waters.

Miraculous as it may seem, the two men in the automobile, escaped with only slight bruises, one having a little mark upon his chin, where he had received a slight bump, while the other was bruised slightly about the back.

The automobile, when it went into the race, went down right side up, and this made it easy for the men to escape from the auto. However, they had to be assisted from the race. They were taken to a nearby house, and a doctor summoned, when it was found that their injuries were only of a very slight nature. Dry clothes were quickly procured from the stores of the city and the men returned to their homes little the worse for experiences that they had had.

The automobile was taken from the race Saturday morning in a badly battered state.

Horses wanted at Schiek's Feed Barn, Monday, January 12. H. H. Walrath, Henry McNamara. 29-1-P.

Best ice cream. DeLuxe.—77-f-f

KRESS MARRIED IN KALAMAZOO

City Attorney United in Marriage with Ithaca Lady as Year Closes.

CEREMONY BY REV. A. HART

Former Alma and St. Louis Pastor and Friend of Couple United Their Lives.

James G. Kress of this city and Mrs. Sarah E. Hughes of Ithaca were quietly married on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 1919, at 6:00 p. m. in the First Methodist church of Kalamazoo by the Rev. Alfred A. Hart, a former pastor of the M. E. churches in Alma, St. Louis and Kalamazoo, but who has now retired.

Sentiment, which has come down through the years, was what prompted the ceremony in Kalamazoo, with the Rev. Hart officiating. In 1888 he united in marriage Mr. Kress and Carrie D. Reid, then being the M. E. pastor in this city. Later he was assigned to the M. E. church of St. Louis and on September 16, 1891, he united in marriage Richard E. Hughes and Sarah E. Vincent, the present Mrs. Kress. Still later when Mr. Kress became county clerk of Gratiot Rev. Hart was married to Grace Cook of St. Louis, the license being issued by Mr. Kress. Thus it seemed highly fitting to Mr. and Mrs. Kress that they should again call upon Rev. Hart to officiate at a wedding for them.

Mr. Kress was born in Alma and received his education here. He was elected county clerk in 1892, taking office in 1893 and serving the county for four years, during which time he read law, and was admitted to practice in all of the state courts. For three and one-half years, after serving the county he was a partner with Kelly S. Searl, former judge, and then returned to Alma to practice.

During this time Mr. Kress has handled some heavy litigation, having been local attorney for the Ann Arbor Railroad a number of years, and now being city attorney for Alma. Mr. Kress is highly rated here, and has a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Kress, formerly Mrs. Hughes, was born in Bethany township and has resided in Ithaca since 1907, and for eight years was an able assistant county clerk for her husband, the late Richard E. Hughes. She has many friends, and is a woman who is highly regarded by those who know her best, being possessed of high ideals and having a splendid Christian character. She is a member of the Baptist church of Ithaca. Among her friends, she numbered among the closest, the late Mrs. James G. Kress.

NEW PROFESSOR

Professor Royer Will Succeed Hosmer in Music Department.

Professor Clifford Royer has been secured by President H. M. Crooks of Alma college to take charge of the department of music, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Professor Hosmer.

Professor Royer is a graduate of the University of Kansas with an A. B. degree. He specialized in music while there and during the next five years studied under private tutors, which A. A. Chick and J. C. Chick expect to be one of the most modern shoe stores in this part of the state.

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OPEN SEASON

College Five Meets Junior College of Grand Rapids Here Saturday.

The Alma College basketball team, minus the services of Anderson, its star all-state center, will open the local collegiate season Saturday evening, battling with Grand Rapids Junior College on the high school court. Little trouble is being expected by the Maroon and Cream in the Saturday evening game with Grand Rapids, although the Furniture City quintet may prove to be far stronger than it is being given credit for. In any event the Grand Rapids players are expected to be of sufficient strength to give Wood's five a good battle, that should prove an interesting affair.

Due to a typographical error in last week's issue, this game was given as January 2, whereas it should have been January 10.

Friday evening the Alma College team meets Nevitt's strong Mt. Pleasant Normal team on the Mt. Pleasant floor and the locals are very doubtful as to the outcome.

WILL MOVE AND ENLARGE STORE

Converse Will Move Jewelry Store to Church Block and Enlarge the Stock.

It was announced late yesterday that John E. Converse, proprietor of the Converse Jewelry store in the Ingersoll block has secured the lease of the Ogle store in the Church block and in the near future will give Alma a modern jewelry store that will be first class in every respect.

Mr. Converse is not certain at the present time just how soon he will be able to move to the new location, as he is contemplating some big changes in the Ogle store, that will take some little time to make. Among these changes will be the installation of a new front, that will more nearly conform to the needs of his business, and of some fine display windows that will compel the attention of passers-by.

He is also expecting to secure new fixtures, and this will probably take some little time, because of the difficulty in securing deliveries. Within the next few days he will also make arrangements with wholesale dealers for a larger stock than he has been carrying in the past, as he believes that Alma has grown to such an extent that it is demanding better stores, and he proposes to give the community one of the best jewelry stores in this section of the state.

MARRIED HERE

Miss Dorothea Swope and Mr. Milo Langworthy Married New Years.

On Thursday, January 1, occurred the marriage of Miss Edna Dorothea Swope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Swope, and Mr. Milo Francis Langworthy, of Alma, at the home of the bride's parents in Alma.

The rooms were prettily decorated with green and white crepe paper, roses, carnations, smilax and ferns. At twelve o'clock, to the strains of Englemann's Wedding March, played by Mrs. Walter Coulson of Breckenridge, an aunt of the bride, the bridal party descended the stairs and took their places beneath a bower of green and white crepe paper, in the center of which was suspended a large white wedding bell. Rev. Matthew Duffey, pastor of the M. E. church, read the marriage service in the presence of about twenty of the near relatives and intimate friends. The ring service was used and the bride was given away by her father, Miss Marguerite A. Crawford of Breckenridge, a cousin of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. J. Millard Hopkins of Riverdale acted as best man. The bride was charmingly dressed in a simple gown of white silk crepe de chine and carried roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of pale blue crepe de chine and also carried roses. Soon after congratulations had been offered, a four-course wedding luncheon was served. The tables were decorated with smilax and cut flowers, and the centerpiece of the bride's table was a large bridal cake.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. W. Swope of Wheeler; Mrs. Frank Rosa, Mrs. John Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coulson and little daughter, Ruth; Mrs. Thomas Crawford and daughter, Miss Marguerite, all of Breckenridge, and J. Millard Hopkins of Riverdale.

The newlyweds will make their home in this city where they have many friends. Mr. Langworthy is a graduate of Alma high school and since his discharge from the United States army has held positions with the First State Bank and the Republic Motor Truck company.

NEW MILLINERY FOR CITY

Mrs. Laura Quick of Detroit has leased the store in the Horv & Gibbs block that is now being used by the Alma Public Library, and will open an up-to-date millinery store at that location this spring.

Mrs. Quick has had a wide experience in the millinery business in this city and in Detroit in the past few years, and believes that Alma offers exceptional opportunities for such a store.

EASY VICTORY OVER EDMORE

Coach Mullin's Team Swamped Visitors in Good Game Here Last Night.

CREECH FEATURES IN GAME

High School Quintet Appears to Be the Strongest Alma Has Ever Had.

The Alma high school basketball team opened the 1920 season last night with a brilliant 52 to 12 victory over the fast Edmore quintet, which has already taken the long end of scores with St. Louis high and other schools in this part of the state.

The teamwork of the local five and the fine basket shooting that was displayed at times, gives every indication that the high school five has the possibility of being the finest quintet that the local school has ever had. While the team played a brilliant game, there was a noticeable slowing up at times on the part of at least two of the men, evidently due to the fact that they were not in the best of condition to stand a fast game. Coach Mullin is in hopes that these men will realize the fact that they must train, if they expect to continue as members of the team, and that the next game will see the men in better shape to stand the strain of the fast play.

Alma took the lead at the start of the game, and the visitors were never able to head the locals, due to some fine guarding on the part of Ellis, and some flashes of good defensive work on the part of Stearns, coupled with the crack basket shooting of Creech and Lyons. At the end of the first half Alma had a lead of twenty points, the score then being 25 to 5.

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Fouls—Ellis 1 out of 2, Sartor 1 out of 2; Engerson 6 out of 14.

Referee—Wood. Umpire—Smith.

Scorer and timer—Dunham.

LEAVE ALMA

Robert G. Watson and Verne Bamber Have Purchased East Jordan Store.

Robert G. Watson and Verne Bamber of this city, will leave Monday for East Jordan, where they will take possession of a furniture store and undertaking establishment that they have purchased in that city.

R. G. Watson has been in Alma for the past two years, having come here from Frankfort. He has been in the employ of the G. V. Wright furniture store since coming to Alma, and has made many warm friends here. Mr. Bamber has been a resident of Alma for a number of years, during part of which time he was the owner of a dray line.

The two men will leave their families in Alma for the present time, but it is expected that they will move to that place in the spring.

DIED AT GAYLORD

Archie VanDyne, only son of Mrs. C. J. Barnes of Alma, passed away Wednesday morning, December 31, at his home in Gaylord.

It will be remembered by many that his younger life was spent in Alma, where he attended high school and college. He was a member of the M. E. church and was a very active worker in church and Epworth League, holding the office of Secretary of Sunday School and being an usher in the church.

He was in business in Gaylord and still held it at the time of his death. He also was a member of the K. of P., Yeoman an Moose lodges. He had a very kind and mild disposition and won many friends where he resided.

He leaves a wife and small daughter and a grief-stricken mother, Mrs. Barnes, to mourn their loss. The services were conducted by Rev. Duffey and Rev. Geiston at 517 West Center street, which was his mother's previous home. Interment in Riverside cemetery.

Buy the best. Buy DeLuxe.—77-f

PRAYER SERVICES

Union Week of Prayer Services Inspiring and Helpful.

The Union church services which commenced Sunday and have been running all through this week in recognition of the week of prayer have been inspiring and should prove beneficial. Although the attendance has been fair it has not shown any great desire on the part of the people of Alma to pray nor any considerable appreciation of the privilege or power of prayer.

The call is issued now to Christian people to show that their belief in prayer is vital by coming and participating in the closing services of the week.

Commencing with Thursday night the services are held in the Methodist church and are as follows:

Thursday 7:30 p. m.—Topic: "The church awakened by a revival of family religion." Rev. Frank Jackson, leader.

Friday 7:30 p. m.—Topic: "The church awakened by the call for workers." The leader has been secured through the courtesy of Rev. Peter White of the Free Methodist church and is Mr. Claud A. Watson of Big Rapids, Mich., manager of the Four Wheel Drive Tractor Co. of that city. Mr. Watson was at one time a student in Alma College and will be listened to with interest by his old time friends. He shows his sterling Christian faith by serving regularly Sundays as speaker in one or two Free Methodist churches.

Saturday 7:30 p. m.—Topic: "The church awakened by the rediscovery of the reality and power of prayer." Leader, Rev. Robert Grierson of Eastminster chapel. People of the West side do not frequently have the chance to hear Mr. Grierson speak and this will be an opportunity to do so.

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